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Inventor(s): POITRAS, Brian; MOGLIA, JR., Robert F. AUTOMATED COMPOSTING SYSTEM

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1. Type of Application

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This transmittal is for an original (nonprovisional) application.

2. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. 1.153 (Design) Application

29 Page(s) of Specification11 Page(s) of Claims7 Sheet(s) of Drawing(s)—Informal

B. Other Papers Enclosed

3 Page(s) of Declaration and Power of Attorney 1 Page(s) of Abstract

3. Additional Papers Enclosed

Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. 1.98) with PTO/SB/08 and Citations

Application Data Sheet

Nonpublication Request

4. Declaration or Oath

Enclosed and Executed by all Inventors.

5. Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same.

6. Language

English

7. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16)

Regular Application

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CLAIMS AS FILED							
Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 CFR 1.16(a \$770.00		
Total Claims (37 CFR 1.16(c)) 43	- 20 =	23 x	\$18.00	\$414.00		
(37 CFK 1.10(C)) 43	- 20 -	23 X	\$16.00	5414.00		
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(37 CFR 1.16(b)) 2	- 3 =	0 x	\$86.00	\$0.00		
Multiple Depend Claim(s), if any (37 CFR 1.16(d)			+	\$270.00	\$0.00		
(37 CFR 1.16(d)) Filing Fee Calcul	ation			\$1,184.00		

8. Small Entity Statement(s)

This is a filing by a small entity under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.9 and 1.27.

Filing Fee Calculation (50% of above)

\$592.00

9. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time

Enclosed

Filing Fee

\$592.00

Total Fees Enclosed

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10. Method of Payment of Fees

Check for \$592.00 in payment of the Basic Filing Fee.

11. Instructions as to Overpayment

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12. Relate Back

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A. 35 U.S.C. § 119(e)

"This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No.:

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